

Montana 2008 School Health Profiles Survey Results

Background

The School Health Profiles (Profiles) assist states and local education and health agencies in monitoring and assessing characteristics of school health education; physical education; school health policies related to HIV infection/AIDS, tobacco-use prevention, and nutrition; asthma management activities; and family and community involvement in school health programs. Data from Profiles can be used to improve school health programs.

Two questionnaires are used to collect data — one for school principals and one for lead health education teachers. The two questionnaires were mailed to 309 regular secondary public schools containing any of grades 6 through 12 in Montana during the spring of 2008. Usable questionnaires were received from 80% of principals and from 79% of teachers. Because the response rates for these surveys were $\geq 70\%$, the results are weighted and are representative of all regular public secondary schools in Montana having at least one of grades 6 through 12. Results from the principal and lead health education surveys are presented for the following types of schools in Montana:

- High schools with a low grade of 9 or higher and a high grade of 10 or higher;
- Middle schools with a high grade of 9 or lower;
- Junior/senior high schools with a low grade of 8 or less and a high grade of 10 or higher; and
- All schools.

The Profiles questionnaires were developed by the Division of Adolescent and School Health, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in collaboration with representatives of state, local, and territorial departments of health and education.